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Public Service

Cases of selection made by the Madras Serivces Commission on the strength of interview only.

* 299 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the class of cases in which selection is made by the Madras Services Commission as a result of interview only?

A.—Candidates for recruitment to the Madras Ministerial Service and to the posts of Assistant Surgeons in the Madras Medical Service are selected by the Madras Services Commission on the results of competitive examinations. For all other appointments in the provincial and subordinate services for which the Commission selects candidates, the selection is made as a result of interview only. The Government do not consider it necessary to draw up a list of such appointments.

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"In the answer given it is stated 'The Government do not consider it necessary to draw up a list of such appointments.' May I ask whether the matter is confidential?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir. We have stated here that only candidates for ministerial service and assistant surgeons' posts are selected through competitive examination. It follows that in other cases selection is made by interviews. If the list of such appointments is to be published, it will run to several pages."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I know, Sir, whether it can be laid down what matters should be gone into in an interview?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"That is a matter for the Madras Services Commission."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether he has considered that the selection may be erratic as it might not be known on what points enquiry was to be made?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"That is not the case."

Hydro-Electric Development

Execution and cost of the Pykara Hydro-Electric Scheme.

* 300 *Q.*—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what year the Pykara Hydro-Electric Scheme was started and completed (day, month and year);

(*b*) how much did the whole scheme cost the Government;

(*c*) how much annual income did the Government expect to derive from this scheme according to the estimate, when it was sanctioned; and

(*d*) what the income is that is anticipated in the first year?

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A.—(a) The project was started in January 1930, and completed in March 1933.

(b) The total expenditure incurred up to the 1st April 1933 is Rs. 1,07,13,580. An additional outlay of about Rs. 1,57,000 is expected to be spent to complete the first year's programme as contemplated in the project report.

(c) Rs. 3,38,160.

(d) About Rs. 4 lakhs.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I ask at what rate the profit for this year works? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I ask is that the rate contemplated under the sanctioned estimate? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Local Self-Government

Reamalgamation of Taluk Boards on the basis of one board for each Revenue Division.

301 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government are considering the question of reamalgamating taluk boards so that there might be one Taluk Board for each Revenue division?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL NO. 12 OF 1931).

* The hon. the President :—" The House will now resume consideration clause by clause of the Estates Land Act Amending Bill."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" Sir, I beg leave to raise a point for the consideration of the House, i.e., with regard to what happened yesterday, Government agreeing to place the minutes of discussion in the Select Committee before this House. I need not recall to your mind, Sir, that it is the duty of the Opposition, as they very frankly stated yesterday that it was a dilatory motion that they were carrying on, to obstruct Government . . ."

* The hon. the President :—" Order, order. The hon. Member may state his point of order."

* Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" With your leave, Sir, I may ask that, apart from the point of order that the hon. Member